

Express Mail No. EV 915639973 US

Docket No.: 386168020US1

(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Falvey et al.

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned Confirmation No.: N/A

Filed: February 5, 2004 Art Unit: N/A

For: A DC/DC VOLTAGE REGULATOR WITH

AUTOMATIC CURRENT SENSING SELECTABILITY FOR LINEAR AND SWITCH MODE OPERATION UTILIZING A SINGLE VOLTAGE REFERENCE **Examiner: Not Yet Assigned** 

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the cited information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. In addition, applicant does not admit that any enclosed item of

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned Docket No.: 386168020US1

information constitutes prior art to the subject invention and specifically reserves the right to demonstrate that any such reference is not prior art.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 386168020US1.

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

Chun M. Ng

Registration No.: 36,878

PERKINS COIE LLP

P.O. Box 1247

Seattle, Washington 98111-1247

(206) 359-8000

(206) 359-7198 (Fax)

Attorney for Applicant

Express Mail No. EV 915639973 US

PTO/SB/08a/b (07-05)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO   |            |      |              | Complete if Known      |                       |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 0                                 |            |      |              | Application Number     | Not Yet Assigned      |  |
| 11                                | NFORMATION | I DI | SCLOSURE     | Filing Date            | February 5, 2004      |  |
| STATEMENT BY APPLICANT            |            |      |              | First Named Inventor   | Christopher T. Falvey |  |
|                                   |            |      |              | Art Unit               | N/A                   |  |
| (Use as many sheets as necessary) |            |      | s necessary) | Examiner Name          | Not Yet Assigned      |  |
| Sheet                             | 1          | of   | 1            | Attorney Docket Number | 386168020US1          |  |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |              |  |                                |  |   |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Examiner Initials*    | Cite<br>No.1 | Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> ( if known) | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where<br>Relevant Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear |
|                       |              | US-6,229,289   | 05-08-2001                     | Piovaccari et al.                                  |   |
|                       |              | US-6,522,116   | 02-18-2003                     | Jordan   |   |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS |              |   |                                   |  |   |                |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Examiner<br>Initials*    | Cite<br>No.1 | Foreign Patent Document  Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> ( <i>if known</i> ) | Publication<br>Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant Passages<br>or Relevant Figures Appear | Τ <sup>6</sup> |
|                          |              |   |                                   |  |   |                |

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. \* CITE NO.: Those application(s) which are marked with an single asterisk (\*) next to the Cite No. are not supplied (under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii)) because that application was filed after June 30, 2003 or is available in the IFW. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issue the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

|                      | NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS |   |    |  |  |  |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|----|--|--|--|
| Examiner<br>Initials | Cite<br>No. <sup>1</sup>        | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T² |  |  |  |
|                      |                                 | PCT International Search Report, International Application No. PCT/US04/3267, 10 November 2004, 3 pages.  |    |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

| Examiner  | Date    |       |
|-----------|---------|-------|
| Signature | Conside | iered |
|           |         |       |

<sup>1</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.